

# FROM CROP CIRCLES TO HIEROGLYPHS -

...the mystery continues...

One of the most intriguing mysteries of the decade has to be the phenomena known as "crop circles".

They are known as "crop circles" because the first reported cases, starting in 1976 in the UK, were literally that - circles of flattened corn, or other crops.

Since 1976, both the number and complexity of these 'circles', has increased dramatically.

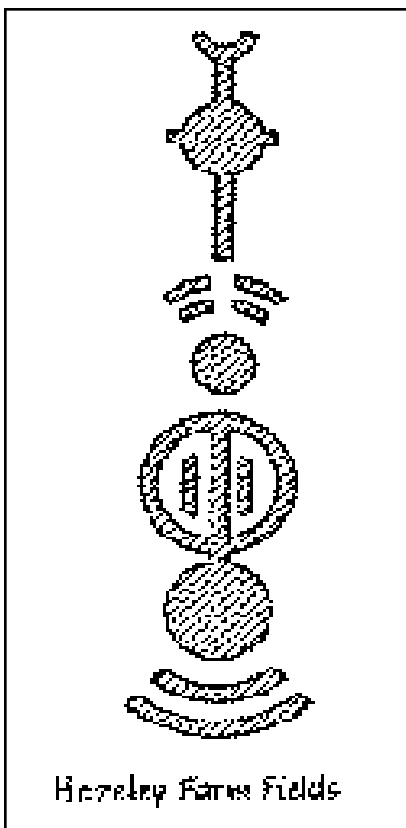
No one knows exactly when the first 'circle' appeared, but we do know that since serious research first began in 1980, circles have literally popped up all over the place. For example, in 1987, 75 formations were discovered; 110 in 1988; 305 in 1989; and over 600 last year (1990).

Not only that, but what were originally circles 'evolved' into complicated 'pictograms' as illustrated below.

Listed below are some notes I made after sifting through masses of information now becoming available on the subject. I think the pictures of the "crop circles" however, speak for themselves.

\* The 'circles' range in size from 1 or 2m up to 70m in diameter.

\* they 'appear' most often during mid-summer and are most commonly found in southern England. Other circles have been found in the USSR, Italy, USA, Australia, Canada and Japan. Most however, are not as complex as those found in the UK last summer.



\* It has been discovered that the heaviest concentration of these 'circles' falls within the famous "Wessex Triangle", a well known area rich in mystical associations, containing ancient stone circles such as Avebury, Silbury Hill and Stonehenge. This area also has a history of abnormally high UFO sightings.

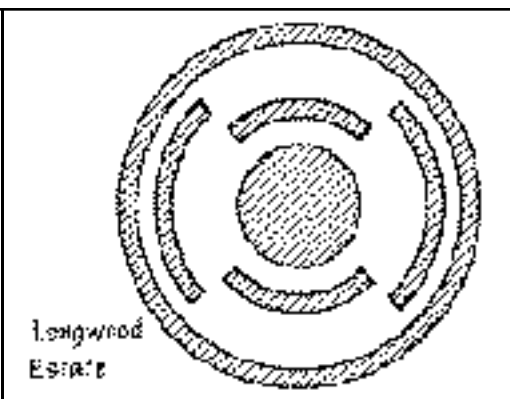
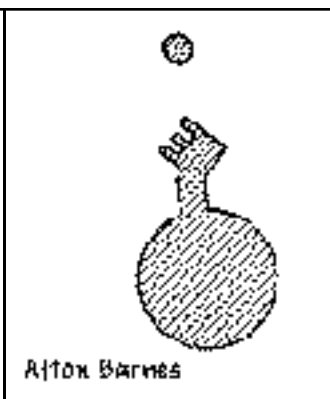
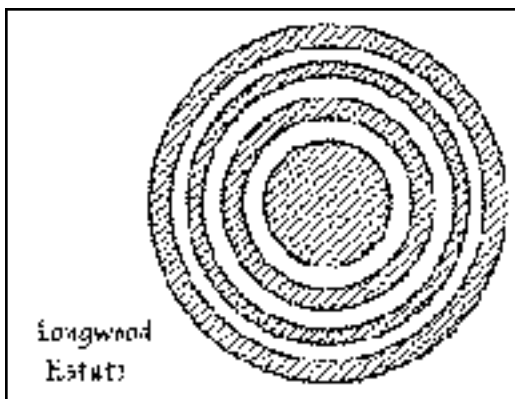
\* Several circles have been reported under high-voltage electricity wires, leading to much discussion of electromagnetic fields being the cause of the phenomena

\* Several "circles" have been found to be in a straight "line", observable only from the air. Many have speculated on the involvement of 'ley-lines' and changes in the Earth's magnetic fields.

\* Many people have seen "strange glowing lights" often orange in colour, and other UFO phenomena over fields prior to appearances of circles. Sometimes these sightings were days or weeks prior to an appearance of a 'circle'.

## INSIDE THE CIRCLES

There is a large amount of information emerging that deals with the "circles" themselves. I have listed below some of the effects of circles, as discussed by researchers.



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a) strange high frequency "twittering" sounds, which have been recorded and analysed, but are so-far unexplainable

b) "jelly-like" substances have been recovered from several circles

c) many researchers report feeling ill effects, such as headaches and nausea upon entering some circles. Dogs also are noticeably affected by the circles, with several illnesses reported.

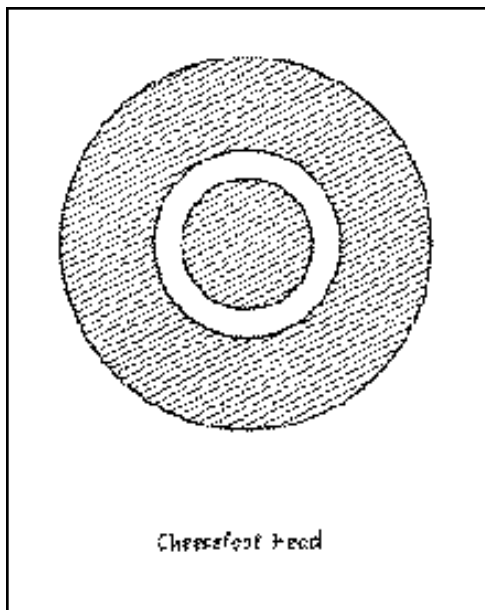
d) some dowsing society people report 'dematerialising' and 'rematerialising' of certain objects, such as dowsing rods and wooden pegs

e) some researchers report "missing time" lapses during solo investigations

f) there are many reports of blinding white "flashes" and what appear to be electro-static 'crackling noises". Many of these occurred on cloudless days with multiple witnesses present.

g) analysis of plant samples taken from some circles shows dramatic molecular change has occurred.

h) electro-magnetic effects have been experienced in many cases, and some quite dramatically. For example on Thursday, August 10, 1989 at 3.30pm when a BBC television crew were filming two researchers in a 100 foot diameter circle near Avebury, Wiltshire. The camera refused to function properly each time it entered the circle, and several smaller circles nearby. Even when elevated on a crane over the edge of the circles, it would not work. The crew tried holding the camera outside the circle while the sound



engineer went inside. As the camera rolled, and sound began taping, a loud, shrill, warbling noise blasted into the sound engineer's headset. Upon leaving the circle the noise stopped etc. The noise was recorded and sent to the BBC sound experts for analysis. All the BBC experts were baffled by the strange sounds. The camera was found to be completely defunct and had to be rebuilt. The event was shown on the BBC's "Daytime Live" program. As the transmission went to air, the electric supply into the whole studio complex was momentarily lost, and all telephones ceased functioning. Despite many varied and determined efforts to solve this baffling puzzle, the mystery remains. No doubt time will tell!

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